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Our Case No. 9281-3996
Client Reference No. N US00078

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Naoya Hasegawa et al.

Serial No. 09/901,438

Filing Date: July 9, 2001

For: EXCHANGE COUPLING FILM AND
MAGNETORESISTIVE ELEMENT
USING THE SAME

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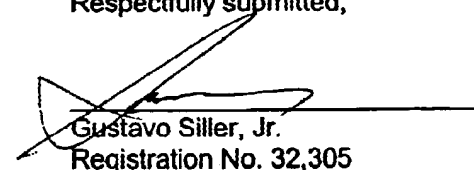
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Dear Sir:

Applicant filed the above-identified application on July 9, 2001, but has not yet
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first Office Action is expected to issue on this application.

Respectfully submitted,


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